(b) No, Sir.

(c) The steps being taken include the following:—

— strict enforcement of antipollution laws;

— tax incentives for pollution control and shifting of pollution industries from congested areas;

— research and development of pollution control devices; and

— campaigns to create public awareness.

Proposals for expansion pending with Central Government from Andaman and Nicobar Island Forests and Plantation Development Corporation

511. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI S. W. DHABE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the proposals for expansion pending with the Central Government from the Andaman and Nicobar Island Forests and Plantation Development Corporation and since how long; and

(b) what steps are being taken to clear these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) The Andaman and Nicobar Islands Forest and Plantation Development Corporation submitted a project report in 1980 for logging and marketing of timber and raising forest plantations and supporting natural regeneration in Little Andaman and North Andaman.

(b) The ecological aspects of the project proposals are now being studied in depth.

Reservation of jobs in Government Services for physically handicapped persons and students

512. SHRI S. W. DHABE:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of jobs that have been reserved in Government services for the physically handicapped persons and students;

(b) what is the percentage of reservation and since when it is in force;

(c) what is the number of persons who have been given jobs and percentage achieved in the last three years, i.e. 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985 (till December); and

(d) what is the reason for not achieving the target and percentages fixed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) 3 per cent of the vacancies in Groups 'C' & 'D' posts/services (1 per cent each the blind, the deaf and the orthopaedically handicapped persons) have been reserved for the physically handicapped with effect from 4th November, 1977. This reservation **is applicable, in direct recruitment, to postal** services identified as suitable for being held by the physically handicapped. There is no separate reservation for physically handicapped students in Government services.

(c) and (d) As per the information available, the total number of physically handicapped persons appointed in the Government in 1983, 1984 and 1985 are 264, 182 and 89 respectively in Group 'C' posts and these figures represent 1.79 per cent, 2.55 per cent and 2.97 per cent of the total number of posts (which are identified as suitable for appointment of the physically handicapped persons) filled in the respective years.

2. The corresponding figures and percentages for Group 'D' posts in the years